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Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice Number 3585]

Notice of Meetings, United States International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC)—Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITAC-T); U.S. Study Group B

The Department of State announces meetings of the U.S. International Telecommunication Advisory Committee—Telecommunication Standardization (ITAC-T) National Committee and US Study Group B. The purpose of the Committees is to advise the Department on policy and technical issues with respect to the International Telecommunication Union and international telecommunication standardization and development. Except where noted, meetings will be held at the Department of State, 2201 "C" Street, NW, Washington, DC.

The ITAC-T National Committee will meet on May 8, 2001, from 9:30 to 4:00 at a location to be determined to complete drafting of new ITAC-T Guidelines.

The ITAC-T U.S. Study Group B will meet from 9:00 to 4:30 on April 6 and 27, 2001, to prepare for meetings of ITU-T Study Groups 11, 13, and the Special Study Group. The April 6 meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites, Paradise Valley, 4415 East Paradise Valley Parkway South, Paradise Valley, AZ 85032, tel: 602-765-5800, in the morning, starting 30 minutes after the T1S1 Plenary closes. The April 27 meeting will be held at the Keystone Resort and Conference Center, 0633 Tennis Townhouse Road, Keystone, CO 80435, tel: 970-496-2316, in the morning, starting 30 minutes after the T1P1 Plenary closes.

Members of the general public may attend these meetings. Directions to meeting locations and actual room assignments may be determined by calling the Secretariat at 202 647-0965/2592. For meetings held at the Department of State: entrance to the building is controlled; people intending to attend any of the ITAC meetings should send a fax to (202) 647-7407 not later than 24 hours before the meeting for preclearance. This fax should display the name of the meeting (ITAC T, U.S. Study Group) and date of meeting, your name, social security number, date of birth, and organizational affiliation. One of the following valid photo identifications will be required for admission: U.S. driver's license, passport, U.S. Government identification card. Enter the Department of State from the C Street Lobby; in view of escorting requirements, non-Government attendees should plan to arrive not less than 15 minutes before the meeting begins.

Attendees may join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the Chair. Admission of members will be limited to seating available.

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Julian Minard,

Secretariat, ITAC-T, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Notice Number 3588]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2001, in Room 2415 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC. The purpose of this

meeting is to report on the results of: (1) The International Conference on Liability and Compensation for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001; and (2) an informal meeting of interested delegates to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Legal Committee to discuss the draft protocol to the Athens Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and Their Luggage By Sea.

Members of the public are invited to attend the SHC meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information, or to submit views in advance of the meeting, please contact Captain Joseph F. Ahern or Lieutenant Daniel J. Goettle, U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Maritime and International Law (G-LMI), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; telephone (202) 267-1527; fax (202) 267-4496.

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Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Notice Number 3589]

Shipping Coordinating Committee, Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2001, in room 4618 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the outcome of the Forty-fifth Session of the International Maritime Organization's Subcommittee on Fire Protection, held January 8-12, 2001. In addition, preparations for the next session will also be discussed.

The meeting will focus on proposed amendments to the 1974 Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention for the fire safety of commercial vessels. Specific discussion areas include:

- Recommendations on evacuation analysis for passenger vessels
- Guidelines on alternative design and arrangements for fire safety
- Smoke control and ventilation;
- Unified interpretations to SOLAS chapter II-2 and related fire test procedures
- Fire retardant materials for the construction of lifeboats
- Fire-fighting systems in machinery and other spaces